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In Reply Refer To:
Columbia Gulf Transmission Company
Docket No. RP08-193-000

Columbia Gulf Transmission Company
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Attention: James R. Downs
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Reference: Order Granting Extension of Time

Dear Mr. Downs:

1. On February 11, 2008, Columbia Gulf Transmission Company (Columbia Gulf) filed a request for a two-month extension of time to file its annual transportation retainage adjustment (TRA) and a related one-time waiver of section 33.2 of the General Terms and Conditions (GT&C) of its tariff. Columbia Gulf seeks to make its TRA filing on or before May 1, 2008, to become effective June 1, 2008 and requests any waivers deemed necessary to accept its request. Good cause exists to grant the request for extension until May 1, 2008.
2. In its transmittal letter, Columbia Gulf states that on the night of February 5, 2008, a line of severe storms spawned multiple tornados that struck the State of Tennessee. Columbia Gulf states that one of those tornados struck Columbia Gulf's Hartsville, Tennessee compressor station where six compressor units totaling 48,000 Horsepower (HP) were located. In response to the lost Hartsville Compressor Station HP, Columbia Gulf asserts that it declared force majeure on February 6, 2008, and shut-in Lines 100, 200 and 300. Columbia Gulf states that it is now working to assess the scope of the damage, what will be required to recover from the compressor station outage, and its impact on fuel and transportation flows.
3. Under section 33.4(a) of Columbia Gulf's tariff, the fuel recovery method estimates total company-use, lost, and unaccounted for quantities for the 12-month period commencing with the effective date of its annual TRA filing and then divides that amount by the quantities estimated to flow under its applicable rate schedules during the same 12-

month period. However, at this time, so soon after the loss of Hartsville Compressor Station, Columbia Gulf states that it is unable to accurately evaluate and quantify the impact of that loss on projected company-use and transportation quantities in time to meet the March 1, 2008 annual TRA due date. Further, Columbia Gulf states that assessing the extent of the impact on the Columbia Gulf system and ultimately the TRA is complex and will require several more weeks of study. Consequently, Columbia Gulf requests a filing extension of two months, until May 1, 2008, in order to prepare and file its 2008 Annual TRA adjustment. Columbia Gulf asserts that if it is able to file sooner than May 1, it will do so. However, Columbia Gulf requests a two-month extension to ensure sufficient time to understand and quantify the impact of the Hartsville Compressor Station outage on the Retainage Rates.

4. Public notice of the filing was issued on February 13, 2008. Interventions and protests were due on or before February 19, 2008. Pursuant to Rule 214 (C.F.R. § 385.214 (2007)), all timely filed motions to intervene and any motion to intervene out-of-time filed before the issuance date of this order are granted. Granting late intervention at this stage of the proceeding will not disrupt the proceeding or place additional burdens on existing parties. No adverse comments or protests were filed.

5. Good cause exists to grant the request for extension until May 1, 2008. As a result of the damages caused by tornados recently striking Columbia Gulf's Hartsville Compressor station, Columbia Gulf's extension of time should provide it with sufficient time to assess the scope of the damage to the compressor facility and its impact on fuel and transportation flows. Therefore, we grant Columbia Gulf's request for extension of time to file its annual TRA filing until May 1, 2008.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.